

Relations Resumed With Panama

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The United States established diplomatic relations yesterday with Panama's month-old military junta but withheld resumption of its \$14.2-million program of aid to that country.

The State Department said the decision to set normal ties with the junta headed

by Col. Jose M. Pinilla was reached after extensive consultations with other members of the Organization of American States.

The junta took power last Oct. 11 after ousting President Arnulfo Arias, who had served less than two weeks of what was to have been a four-year term.

Relations between the

United States and Panama were suspended four days later and the United States said it was putting its economic and military aid program under review.

State Department spokesman Carl Bartch said the United States was the 11th member of the 22-nation OAS to establish normal ties with the junta.